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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

We write to bring to your attention a matter raised by a senior Member of the House Committee on Resources.

Recent reports have detailed the work being undertaken by the Public Integrity section within the Criminal Division at the Department of Justice with regard to the lobbying work of Jack Abramoff. We respect the difficult and sensitive nature of the work that this division pursues. In particular, the team of attorneys lead by Mary K. Butler, who is heading up the work of the Public Integrity section, may be best suited to address this request.

As the attached correspondence indicates, Congressman George Miller requested a formal investigation of the work that Mr. Abramoff did in relation to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. We are forwarding to you a large amount of information provided to us by Congressman Miller with regard to this issue so that you may have a better understanding of his concerns. Further, we are also enclosing the relevant correspondence between our Congressional offices on this matter as well as other documentation relating to the historical context of this issue.

It is our hope that you could review this material provided to us by Congressman Miller for our Committee, as any allegations of criminal matters of this sort are best addressed by the Department of Justice.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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